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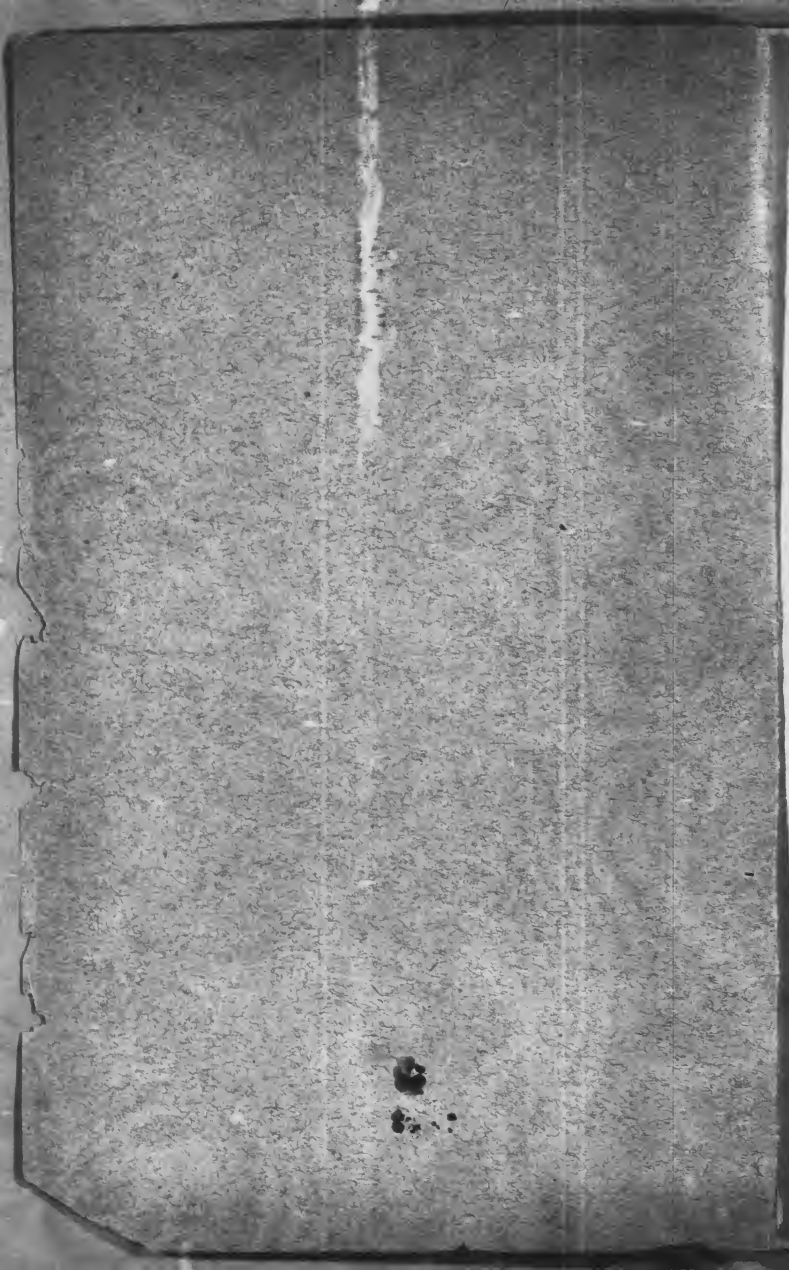


Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

Carey Baptist Association.

1891.





MINUTES OF THE 37TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAREY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

Held with the Hatchett Creek Baptist Church,
Clay County, Ala., Oct. 7, 8 and 9, 1891.

OFFICERS :

REV. W. T. DAVIS,	- -	Moderator,	- - -	Lineville, Ala.
J. A. BELL,	- - -	Clerk and Treasurer,	-	Lineville, Ala.

The next session of the Carey Baptist Association will be held with New Salem Church, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, on Tuesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1892.

TALLADEGA, ALA.:
PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME.
1891.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

- The Moderator shall call the meeting to order.
- Read the letters and enroll the names of messengers.
- Elect a Moderator and Clerk.
- The Clerk is Treasurer.
- Receive Correspondents from sister Associations.
- Moderator appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.
- Read Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
- Call for Petitionary Letters.
- Appoint Correspondents to Associations and Conventions.
- Call for Reports of Standing Committees.
- Approve places of holding District Meetings.
- Appoint a person to write the Corresponding Letter.
- The Preaching Committee to report who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session.
- Hear the Report on Finance and Treasurer's Report.
- Appoint time and place of holding the next session of this Association.
- Consider resolutions that may be entertained by the body.
- Miscellaneous business.
- On motion this plan may be suspended and new business introduced, or the order may be changed to suit the convenience of the body.

MINUTES.

HATCHETT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, CLAY CO., ALA.,
Wednesday, October 7, 1891.

The Ministers and Messengers composing the thirty-seventh annual session of the Carey Baptist Association assembled with the Hatchett Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, the 7th day of October, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M. After singing and prayer the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Motley, followed by Rev. J. A. Dunn. After which the Association adjourned for one hour and a half.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. T. Davis.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. T. B. Fargason, the Letters from the Churches were presented, and the Moderator appointed Brethren W. S. Henderson, T. B. Fargason and D. S. Glass to read them, and the Clerk enrolled the messengers' names as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

ASHLAND.—L. D. Deen, E. A. Phillips, P. H. Burns, J. W. Walker and W. S. Jones.

ANTIOCH.—J. W. Sewell.

BETHEL (T.)—G. W. Cheney, F. M. Goodwin and W. H. Welch.

HATCHETT CREEK.—W. J. Ponder, E. L. Horn and H. Ingram.

FRIENDSHIP.—W. H. Griffin, L. B. Horn and H. T. Grogan.

LIBERTY.—P. T. Wood.

LIBERTY HILL.—G. T. Green and J. R. Stuart.

MT. LEBANON.—

SPRING HILL (C.)—John N. Griffin and W. B. Wesley.

POLE BRIDGE.—G. L. Griffin, W. D. Parsons and Thomas Gravett.

BOWDON GROVE.—W. D. Dye and N. L. Gill.

SECOND DISTRICT.

MT. ZION.—W. N. Nichols and John Graham.
NEW SALEM.—Jacob Lindly and J. M. Partridge.
PLEASANT HILL.—J. D. Peppers, John Martin and J. D. Garrett.
PROVIDENCE.—J. M. Jones, W. W. Shipp and J. B. Brown.
ROCK SPRING.—N. M. Jarvis and W. M. Kitchens.
ROCK CREEK.—Not represented.
SARDIS.—E. R. Wood and J. W. Hastings.
SHADY GROVE.—Not represented.
UNION HILL.—W. J. Williams and D. A. Whited.

THIRD DISTRICT.

BETHEL (C.)—G. W. Cheney, F. M. Goodwin and W. H. Welch.
COUNTY LINE.—A. J. Johnson, E. D. Thompson, G. R. Stephens
and Harry Robertson.
CORINTH.—J. W. Orr and J. L. Joiner.
HOLLY SPRING.—W. M. Munkus and T. Holderfield.
MT. CALVARY.—S. J. Clay Brooks.
MT. OLIVE.—
MOUNTAIN SPRING.—H. Bishop and William Fant.
LYSTRA.—W. M. Low, J. W. Bass and T. E. Bunyan.
SPRING HILL (T.)—John Dunn, A. D. Thompson and J. M. Allen.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

CONCORD.—Lloyd Whatley and R. O. Burgess.
GOOD HOPE.—C. J. Strickland and J. G. Hubbard.
LINEVILLE.—R. H. Moon and J. A. Bell.
MT. PROSPECT.—R. J. Adamson and P. T. Yates.
MT. PLEASANT.—W. P. Bell and Wiley Reeves.
NEW HOPE.—J. L. Amison and W. M. Childs.
SALEM.—T. N. Browning, R. A. Collier and J. W. Roberts.
SHILOH.—William Spradling and S. M. Robertson.
ROCKY HILL.—Church petitioned for membership and was received
into the Association. Delegates: W. B. Kent and W. J. Van-
dover.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Moore, Rev. W. T. Davis was elected Moderator by acclamation. E. A. Phillips requested the Association not to elect him Clerk, and J. A. Bell was unanimously elected Clerk and Treasurer.

By request of Hatchett Creek Church, Rev. E. A. Moore delivered an address of welcome to the Association. After which the Moderator requested Rev. J. C. Motley to respond to the address of welcome, which he did in a most pleasant style.

Rev. E. M. Moore moved that the business directory in back of Minutes be adopted, which was carried.

The Moderator appointed W. S. Jones, M. H. Jarvis and the messengers from Hatchett Creek Church a Committee on Preaching.

L. G. Dean moved that the Association adjourn until 8:30 A. M. Thursday.

T. B. Fargason announced himself a colporteur, &c.

The messengers were assigned to homes.

The Moderator announced that Rev. W. S. Henderson would preach at night, followed by Bro. R. E. Conger.

After singing and prayer the Association was adjourned until 8:30 A. M., Thursday.

Thursday, Oct. 8—8:30 A. M.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. A. Scott, correspondents from sister Associations were received as follows:

BOILING SPRING.—James Shadix.

COOSA RIVER.—J. R. Steely.

EAST LIBERTY.—T. B. Fargason.

The correspondents were welcomed by the Moderator and invited to take part in the business of the Association.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Finance: J. D. Dunn, R. H. Moon and J. D. Garrett.

Rev. W. S. Henderson was received in behalf of the Alabama Baptist State Mission Quarterly and Howard College.

On motion of E. M. Moore the reading of Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

Called for Petitionary Letters. A letter from Rocky Hill Church was read by Bro. W. S. Henderson and received.

Correspondents were appointed to Associations and Conventions as follows:

LIBERTY (EAST)—To convene with the Church at LaFayette Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1892: L. G. Dean, W. T. Davis, J. A. Dunn, A. D. Thompson, W. P. Bell, W. P. Arnett and W. A. Scott.

BOILING SPRING—With Mt. Moriah Church, three miles east of Delta, Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1892: A. J. Moore, E. M. Moore, Wiley Reeves, J. W. Walker, J. N. Griffin and W. T. Davis.

ROCK MILLS—Time and place not given: W. M. Worthy, J. D. Motley, J. J. McCord, W. D. Dye and R. J. Adamson.

COOSA RIVER—Time and place not given: W. H. Johnson, W. T. Davis, J. M. Luker, H. Ingram, E. M. Moore, E. L. Horn, W. C. Brooks, W. J. Ponder, J. G. Hubbard and E. R. Wood.

TALLAPOOSA RIVER—Time and place not given: E. M. Moore and W. T. Davis.

CENTRAL—To convene with Liberty Church, twelve miles from Alexander City, Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892: R. E. Conger, J. W. Orr, E. R. Wood, G. W. Cheney and W. C. Brooks.

ARBACOOCHEE—Time and place not given: G. H. Giles and W. M. Worthy.

THE STATE CONVENTION—At Eufaula, Tuesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1892: R. J. Adamson, A. J. Moore, A. D. Thompson, L. G. Dean, E. M. Moore and J. A. Dunn.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—At Atlanta, Ga.: W. M. Whatley, C. I. Wesley and W. T. Davis.

The Moderator called for reports of Standing Committees.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Moderator and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. T. B. Fargason and adopted.

Report on State Missions deferred.

Committee on Bible and Colportage, verbal report by Rev. M. M. Driver. Amended, on motion of W. P. Bell, requiring committees to reduce their reports to writing. Adopted.

On motion of L. G. Dean reports on Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Bible and Colportage were adopted, after discussion by Rev. T. B. Fargason, M. M. Driver, J. R. Steeley, W. H. Johnson, W. S. Henderson and Moderator.

Preaching Committee reported that Rev. J. M. Solley would preach at the stand at 11 A. M. and Rev. W. M. Motley would preach at 2 P. M.

On motion of L. G. Dean the Association adjourned for one hour for refreshments.

Evening Session, 1:30 o'clock.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. H. Johnson, the report on State Missions was read by M. W. Whatley and adopted after discussion by the Moderator, J. R. Steeley, J. C. Motley, W. S. Henderson, W. O. Jenkins and E. M. Moore.

Preaching Committee reported that Revs. J. A. Dunn and A. J. Moore would preach at the church at night and J. C. Motley would preach at Rev. J. N. London's.

Report of Committee on State of the Churches was read by Bro. J. C. Motley and adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended.

The Churches were called and pledged the following amounts for missions for the year 1892:

Ashland.....	\$50 00	Friendship.....	\$ 2 50
Good Hope.....	5 00	Hatchett Creek.....	10 00
Liberty.....	10 00	Liberty Hill.....	10 00
Lystra.....	5 00	Lineville.....	75 00
Mt. Zion.....	5 00	Mountain Spring.....	5 00
Mt. Prospect.....	25 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	25 00
New Salem.....	5 00	Pole Bridge.....	5 00
Providence.....	40 00	Rock Spring.....	8 00
Pleasant Hill.....	25 00	Spring Hill (C.).....	15 00
Sardis.....	10 00	Salem.....	15 00
Spring Hill (T.).....	25 00	Rock Hill.....	5 00

The report of the Executive Committee was read by E. R. Wood and deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of L. G. Dean the Association adjourned until 8:30 A. M. Friday.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Knowles, the Moderator announced that Rev. W. S. Henderson would preach at the church at night.

Friday, October 9— 8:30 A. M.

After singing, and prayer by J. R. Steeley, the report on Sabbath Schools was read by M. W. Whatley and amended by inserting time agreed upon at Daviston for holding next session. Adopted.

On motion of E. R. Wood a special committee was appointed to make a report on periodicals instantler.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers made no report, no minister in Carey Association having died during the past year.

The report of the Executive Committee was taken up and adopted after discussion by T. B. Fargason, E. R. Wood, R. H. Moon and the Moderator.

The report on Periodicals was read by M. W. Whatley and adopted after discussion by T. B. Fargason and W. S. Henderson.

Report on Temperance was read by J. D. Garrett and adopted after discussion by M. W. Whatley, W. S. Henderson and J. M. Solley.

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING DISTRICT MEETINGS.

FIRST DISTRICT with Ashland Church, time not given.

SECOND DISTRICT with Pleasant Hill Church on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1892.

THIRD DISTRICT, time and place not given.

FOURTH DISTRICT, time and place not given.

The Clerk was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.

Rev. J. A. Dunn was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this Association; alternate, Rev. W. A. Scott.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by R. H. Moon and adopted.

On motion, the next session of this Association will be held with the Church at New Salem on Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1892.

The next session of the Carey Baptist Sabbath School Convention will convene at Ashland on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1892.

The Moderator appointed the Standing Committees.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for making out and superintending the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered this Church and community for their hospitality during our stay among them.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of E. R. Wood a collection was taken up for Bro. Steeley. Collected \$4.95.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to correct the list of ministers—W. T. Davis, E. A. Phillips and the Clerk.

On motion the roll was called and the messengers answered to their names.

The Farewell Address was delivered by Rev. T. B. Fargason.

A song was sung, the ministers and messengers extended the parting hand, and Bro. J. M. Solley led in fervent prayer.

The Moderator then announced that the Association stood adjourned.

J. A. BELL, Clerk.

W. T. DAVIS,

Moderator.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following: We believe we have an able and efficient representation of Baptist principles in the Alabama Baptist, and recommend it to the brotherhood of our Association. We recommend the Foreign Mission Journal to all our people as a representation of our views on the mission question.

We, your Committee, would most earnestly urge upon all our people to support by their patronage and influence the Kind Words series of Sabbath School lessons, helps and papers, as being equal to the very best published in all the land, and as being in perfect accord with Southern Baptist views and practice.

M. W. WHATLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your Committee on State Missions, have no data at hand from which to make a carefully prepared report on this important work of the State Mission Board. Every one of our people knows, doubtless, that this is our plan for propagating the Gospel in the waste places of our own Alabama. Our rich minerals, our varied products, our unlimited water-power, our splendid climate, are attracting the attention of the world to-day, and a population of strangers, many of whom are strangers to God, while others are possessed of strange doctrines, are pouring in upon us. It is our duty to meet them at the gates and offer them the Bread of Life. It is impossible for each of us to go in person to do this work, but we can bear up the hands of those who are engaged in this blessed business. A Baptist, possessing the truth as we verily believe we do, should press our claims in the new towns and in every place where the true Word is not preached.

H. INGRAM, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the Home Board beg leave to report the following: The report of the Home Board to the Southern Baptist Convention sets forth the fact that the needs of the home work were never more urgent than now. The widening of the field; the

growing interest among the native population; the demands of the work among the Indians; the increasing demands of the brother in black; the urgent needs of the work among the foreign population, and the increasing interest of the work in the Island of Cuba, all invite the heralds of the Cross with an open Bible and pure Gospel. In many rural districts of the South, once rich in resources and blessed with flourishing churches, have been, by removals to the towns and cities, reduced to poverty and in numbers so as to need the aid of the more favored sections; and the new towns and cities need the home missionary to gather these forces and so organize them into churches that they will not be lost to the denomination. The Baptists of the South have been engaged in the mission work in the Indian Territory for about fifty years, and there are to-day as many native Baptist believers and native preachers and churches, according to population, as any people on the globe. The colored people are among us, and that to stay. They are dependent and confiding; they will lean on something or somebody. The majority of the negro preachers are wholly unfit for leadership; 'tis the blind leading the blind. Thousands of them are Baptists and we owe it to them to lend a helping hand whenever we find them in difficulty and doubt, and in their wanderings amidst designing political demagogues to direct them in the paths of truth and sobriety. The foreign population is increasing very rapidly in the South, and it behooves us to try and reach them with the pure Word of Truth and bring them to Christ. The work among them is being prosecuted in Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., and in the less populous towns of Texas. Your Committee would suggest that the problem of their evangelization finds its solution in the nature of the immigrants that come to our shores. It is to be hoped that our government will see to it that none but the better class of foreigners are allowed to make their homes among us, and forever exclude the pauper and criminal class. The work in the Island of Cuba still continues with unabated interest. The title to the house of worship in Havana was perfected in February last and the house dedicated. It was an event of great interest and gave an impetus to our work there not hitherto enjoyed. We owe to the Home Board our ardent prayers and a liberal amount of our Christian contributions. During the last year the Home Board has had 406 missionaries in the field. Weeks of labor, 9,590; sermons and addresses, 43,453; baptisms, 5,343; received by letter, 4,638; total additions, 9,987; churches constituted, 244; houses of worship built, 143; Bibles and Testaments furnished, 6,000. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARWELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following: The subject of Foreign Missions has been prominently before the people of the Carey Association for many years. The name Carey itself is strongly suggestive of foreign missions, and shows that the founders of the Carey Association were desirous of emulating the example of William Carey, the eminent English missionary, whose name is almost a synonym for foreign missions, and in honor of whom our Association is named. Claiming to be missionaries and being members of the Carey Association, it might be supposed that we were all very zealous missionaries, but such is far from being the case.

While we are all missionaries by profession, many of us, probably a majority of us, are not so by practice. When we examine our statistics we find that about seventeen cents per capita is all we contribute to the cause of missions, divided among the State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Is this small contribution the best we can do on account of abject poverty? We all know that this is not the case, because it is a well known fact that we individually waste many times the above named small sum each year on luxuries, many of which are worse than useless. Again, can it be that we are afraid our contributions are misapplied? It cannot be this, because the Boards give an account of where they place all contributions, and surely we cannot think that those consecrated men who have made a living sacrifice of their lives, laboring far from home and kindred in unfriendly climes and among strange people, could have any other object in view than doing the work of the Master, and in obeying his command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

We do not wish to worry the people on this point, but we are convinced that a majority of us are lacking in missionary spirit and enterprise, and do not think of the great work of foreign missions as we should. We wish to bring the subject home to the heart of each individual member of the Carey Association, to think whether or not it is our duty to help teach all nations, either by going ourselves or helping others to go.

Our Baptist missionaries are struggling to establish Christianity in Italy, Japan, China, Africa, Brazil and Mexico. In all of these countries there are only a few missionaries among many millions of people, and they often encounter violent opposition and persecution; consequently the missions are not in as good condition as we wish, but we should never falter in our duty but continue to have faith.

The great body of the Baptists of the world are to be found in our Southern States, and it devolves upon us to contribute largely to propagate Christianity from a Baptist standpoint among the people of foreign countries.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, ask leave to make the following report: We believe there is an increase in the Sabbath school spirit in our midst. Wherever we have investigated, the number who have joined the Churches which have Sabbath schools have been largely from the classes of the school. This is the strongest argument that can be offered in their favor. We recommend the course of the Sabbath School Convention to meet in May instead of July. Brethren, as Christians let us go to work to educate our youth in the word of God, thereby enabling them to better understand the preached word. The Sabbath School Convention meets in May, 1892. We recommend that all our Sabbath schools buy their literature through our Bible and Colportage Board at Opelika, Bro. J. B. Collier, Secretary.

M. W. WHATLEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee submit the following: Your Committee made an effort early last spring to place an evangelist and colporteur in the Carey Association, but failed to agree with the State Board as to the price to be paid and the length of time the evangelist should be employed, until too late do do any work this associational year. We would therefore recommend that if in the judgment of your body you desire any evangelistic work done in the bounds of the Association for next year, you reserve out of the funds sent up by the Churches for State missions an amount sufficient to do the work.

E. R. Wood, Chairman.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee on the State of the Churches beg leave to submit the following: As we have no correct way of ascertaining the condition of the Churches but by their own reports in their letters, we cannot report favorably. We find the Churches—that is, a majority of them—in an indifferent condition, seemingly at ease in Zion. Upon such woe is pronounced. They seem to forget that they are seed sowers for the Master and laborers in prayer to God for the germinating and fruiting of the seed sown. In many things are they lacking: in prayer meetings, for they that pray are they that live; forgetting that they are their brother's keeper in teaching their children; many derelict, unthoughtful of their responsibility. If we neglect the instruction in the Sabbath school, around the family altar and from the sacred stand, in God's appointed way, we will be far behind in duty, and will suffer loss; but the Devil will teach them to their ruin and our sorrow. Let us—ministers, deacons and lay brethren and sisters—wake up to a sense of our duty in prayer and in the Sunday school. We are not our own, but are the Lord's. Let all that we have and are be the Lord's. Then will all the churches be as a tree by the riverside, yielding fruit every moment. Let us be as the rock that filled the whole earth, subduing the kingdoms of darkness by Christ and his word. This is God's mission with us here. Let every church remember that it is God's teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOTLEY.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, ask to make the following report: God has said in his word, "Be temperate in all things," and "He that loveth me will keep my commandments." Therefore, brethren, this being true, we think the time has passed when any reasonable man will say that the traffic in ardent spirits is not a great evil, and the great problem among Christians long has been, what can be done to arrest the evil? Well, to believe that its use as a beverage is wrong, the remedy for the evil then is simple and plain. It is this: educate the people, especially the young, upon the subject of temperance, and teach and convince them that if they use and encourage in others the use of intoxicating liquors they are morally responsible for the evils that are sure to follow such a

course. Moral reforms can only be accomplished by moral means, and to expect the attainment of an end without the use of the proper means is a failure. The people of this country cannot be driven into well doing, but they may be educated and led into it. Let this gentle means be used and temperance and other shining virtues will bless the land. Dear brethren, we come to you in behalf of weeping, sorrowing mothers, fathers, wives, sisters, that are all over our land. Yes, we come in behalf of these suffering ones; but behold the mighty throng of people, men, women and children, that are begging, and by the power of Almighty God you will help to drive this great evil from our land. Dear brethren, but recently our attention was called to the following, which should be placed in every home in this Association: First, there are 215,000 saloons in the United States and 164,000 public schools, which shows a majority of 51,000 saloons. Second, the people of the United States pay \$80,000,000 yearly for the support of the public schools, \$1,484,000,000 for the support of the saloons, which is \$1,404,000,000 in favor of the saloons. Third, the value of the food products of our country for a single year is about \$600,000,000, the cost of all the clothing about \$400,000,000, the cost of alcoholic drinks about \$1,434,000,000, which shows \$484,000,000 in favor of the saloons over both products and clothing. Although these are astounding facts, we believe that our people are growing in temperance, though we do not believe that one priest can lead us to victory. The seven priests sounded the trumpet with no uncertain sound, and, with God's help, caused the walls of Jericho to fall. When Christian ministers join in unity and are followed by men, women and children against this mighty giant of drink, surely he will totter and fall, never more to rise.

J. D. GARRETT, Chairman.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We feel very grateful that through the goodness of an All-wise Providence the lives of all the ministers of the Carey Baptist Association have been preserved through this, another year.

CLERK.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance make the following report:

Minute fund.....	\$ 58 60
Foreign Mission fund.....	120 03
State " ".....	127 84
Home " ".....	70 25
For Colportage work.....	5 40
For Ministerial Education (by voucher).....	130 00
For Howard College (by voucher).....	293 75
For Missions (by voucher).....	7 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$812 87

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To am't Mission funds received from Finance Com.	\$318 12
To amount of Minute fund received	58 60
To amount Colportage fund received	5 40
To Ministerial Education (by voucher)	130 00
To amount for Howard College	293 75
To Foreign Missions	7 00

Total. \$812 87

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By amount paid to Executive Com. for Colportage and Evangelistic work	\$100 00
By amount paid to W. B. Crumpton through mistake, which should have been sent to Bible and Colportage Board	5 40
By am't for Missions paid W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec.	218 12
By amount used in printing and distributing Minutes	58 60
By amount paid Howard College (voucher)	293 75
By amount voucher Missions	7 00
By amount for Ministerial Education	130 00

Total. \$812 87

NOTE—Whereas the Churches sent up several small amounts of mission money undirected it is impossible for the Treasurer to make his report correspond with the report of the Finance Committee, but the sum total is about the same.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee submit the following: In the bounds of our Association there has been no such work performed by us—not that the work is not a work of interest, but a work of our people to look into the great importance of such a heaven-bound work as supplying every family with a copy of God's blessed book. Brethren, let us look into this important work, and let us as Christians take hold of it as part of the work of the Church.

M. M. DRIVER, Chairman.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN: The thirty-seventh Annual session of the Carey Baptist Association has just closed. All the Churches in the Association seem to be in peace and harmony and the session was a pleasant one.

I am sorry to say none of our Churches are doing what they should, but we rejoice that some of them are beginning to behold the life-work of the blessed Savior, and actuated by the Spirit and Him who guideth correctly, we yet hope to reach a period approximating our duty. Glimmerings of Christian light hover over us.

We have welcomed your correspondents and send brethren to meet your bodies respectively as they convene. May God inspire his children with greater zeal and activity to work in his kingdom.

J. A. BELL.

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

Total Baptist Churches in Carey Association, 37; Baptist Churches in Alabama, —; Baptist Churches in the United States, —; Baptist Churches in the world, —.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. T. Davis	Lineville, Ala	C. G. Foster	Hillabee, Ala
W. A. Scott	Lineville, Ala	R. M. Allen	Emuckfaw, Ala
W. O. Jenkins	Lineville, Ala	G. W. Holdridge	Almond, Ala
J. W. Knowles	Lineville, Ala	W. M. Worthy	Miller Val., Ala
A. J. Moore	Lineville, Ala	L. Robertson	Almond, Ala
John Garrett	Ashland, Ala	R. E. Conger	Hackneyville, Ala
E. M. Moore	Ashland, Ala	J. R. Conger	Hackneyville, Ala
W. C. Brooks	Ashland, Ala	J. C. Motley	Daviston, Ala
J. N. Moore	Ashland, Ala	J. A. Dunn	Daviston, Ala
W. A. Brown	Wheelerville, Ala	M. Hudgens	White Cloud, Ala
I. A. J. Nelson	Hillabee, Ala	W. H. Johnston	Idaho, Ala
M. M. Driver	Hillabee, Ala	J. J. McCord	Gibsonville, Ala
W. H. Harwell	Hillabee, Ala		

LICENTIATES.

R. F. Williams	Almond, Ala	J. C. Reid	Idaho, Ala
B. B. Cotton	White Cloud, Ala	J. Willingham	Dingless, Ala
J. W. Cardin	White Cloud, Ala	G. W. McMullin	Harlan, Ala
D. E. Thompson	Miller Val., Ala	W. W. McMath	Ashland, Ala
J. L. Joiner	Wheelerville, Ala	I. F. Morgan	Coleta, Ala

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

E. R. Wood, A. P. Oslin, W. P. Arnett, A. D. Thompson, Jacob Lindley.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—M. M. Driver, I. A. J. Nelson, B. F. Luker.
 Home Missions—M. W. Whatley, J. E. Upchurch, W. D. Parsons.
 State Missions—J. C. Motley, S. J. Clay Brooks, J. A. Dunn.
 Ministerial Education—I. A. J. Nelson, E. A. Phillips, W. C. Brooks.
 Bible and Colportage Work—J. W. Hooton, E. D. Thompson, J. R. Conger.
 Sabbath Schools—R. H. Moon, W. P. Bell, J. C. Whatley.
 Temperance—R. J. Adamson, J. A. Bell, J. W. Roberts.
 Periodicals—W. M. Childs, J. L. Joiner, T. Holderfield.
 State of the Churches—E. M. Moore, A. J. Moore, J. N. Moore.
 Deceased Ministers—B. B. Cotton, Henry Linton, L. B. Horn.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall meet annually as an advisory council, and shall be composed of messengers chosen by the Churches of this union, and all regularly ordained ministers of our faith and order within the bounds of the body.

2. Each Church shall be entitled to two messengers, irrespective of numbers, and one for every additional fifty thereafter over fifty.

3. The messengers and ministers thus convened shall be denominated the CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present at each session, and shall be of the body, holding their offices until the next election. The Clerk shall also be Treasurer of the Association.

5. The Churches of this union shall express in their letters the names of their messengers and their postoffices, Sabbath of meeting, amount of contributions, number baptized, received by letter, restored to fellowship, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last session of this Association.

6. No act of the Association shall be binding on the Churches, but it shall be its duty to give advice in matters of difficulty and endeavor to preserve the union of the Churches.

7. If any Churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association.

8. Any Church may withdraw from this Association at discretion, or, on application, may obtain a letter of dismission.

9. This Association shall use her own discretion as respects the cause of missions, leaving the Churches and members to exercise their own opinion in such cases.

10. If any Church in this union shall become offended with a sister Church in point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved Church to endeavor to reclaim the Church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained the aggrieved Church shall then call in the aid of one or two other Churches to act with the first two assisting Churches; and it shall be the duty of the Churches thus called to investigate and decide upon the matter of dealing and to report the same to the Association; and if the said accused Church be guilty as charged, the Association shall withdraw from her.

11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions of the same faith and order, and withdraw her correspondence at discretion.

12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.

13. This Association may have power to adjourn to any time and place she may deem most convenient.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer ordinances only such as are called of God and have come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery, and are in fellowship in the churches of which they are members.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for Letters from Churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Proceed to the election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters from Churches desiring admission into this body.
5. Appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Receive correspondents.
7. DUTIES OF MODERATOR.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the members to order before the Association; to receive and submit all questions regularly moved, and announce the result; to enforce the observance of decorum in debate among the members, and in general to perform all the duties incumbent upon a presiding officer.
8. DUTIES OF CLERK.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a fair record of the proceedings; to notify committees of their appointment; to preserve the papers belonging to the Association, and to attend to the printing of the Minutes, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.
9. DUTIES OF MEMBERS.—Any member rising to speak shall address the Moderator. 2. Any member, in speaking, shall confine himself to the subject under consideration. 3. No member shall speak more than thrice on the same subject without permission from the Moderator. 4. No member will be permitted to indulge in talking or whispering, or any indecorous conduct, to the annoyance of the body in time of debate. 5. No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.
10. These Rules may be altered by a majority of the members at a regular session of this body.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAREY ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	State Missions.	Vouchers for education of J. C. Dunn.	Bible and Colportage.	Vouchers for Howard College	Minutes.	Benevolence.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Total.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Build'g and Furniture.
Ashland.....			\$19 70			\$31 25	\$4 00	\$7 84	\$10 00	\$41 54		
Antioch.....			2 00		15		40			2 55		\$100 00
Bethel (T.).							1 40			3 40		
Bethel (C.).			2 00				1 70			1 70		400 00
Bowdon Grove							2 00			5 00		
County Line.....	\$1 00	\$ 1 00	1 00				1 15			2 95		
Corinth.....		1 80					1 50			7 50		
Concord.....			6 00				1 25			3 00		
Friendship.....	1 50				25		60			5 60		400 00
Good Hope.....		5 00					2 00			9 33		400 00
Hatchett Creek	25	7 08					2 00			12 00		
Liberty.....	5 00	5 00					1 50			9 00		
Liberty Hill.....	1 40	6 10				12 50	1 50			5 50		250 00
Lystra.....			4 00				4 00			65 35	\$50 00	850 00
Lineville.....	21 10	14 10	21 15	\$35 00	5 00	30 00	1 50			7 15		
Mount Calvary.....		5 65					2 00			3 15		
Mount Zion.....			1 15				2 00			7 00		
Mountain Spring.....	1 00	3 00	1 00				1 05			11 05		150 00
Mount Prospect.....	2 00	4 00	4 00				1 55			26 55		400 00
Mount Pleasant.....	10 00	10 00	5 00				8 40			3 25		
New Salem.....			6 50				1 45			3 85		
New Hope.....			1 80				1 50			29 00		
Pole Bridge.....		2 20	15				2 00			10 25		
Providence.....	9 00	13 00	5 00			25 00	75			7 60		
Rock Spring.....	2 25	3 00	3 00				2 00			7 75		
Rocky Hill (Tal.)							2 00			17 00		200 00
Pleasant Hill.....	2 80	2 80				55 00	1 50			11 50		
Spring Hill (C.).	5 40	6 25	3 35				3 00			41 00		
Sardis.....		5 00	5 00			10 00	1 00			1 00		
Salem.....	55	7 85					1 00			6 00		
Spring Hill (T.).....	2 00	2 00	32 00	95 00								
Union Hill.....												
Shiloh (L.).....			5 00									
Mount Lebanon.....												
Mount Olive.....												
Holly Spring.....		1 40					80			2 20		

STATISTICS OF THE CAREY ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Membership Last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY			Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.		Superintendent.	Superintendent's Postoffice.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.
Ashland	Clay	C. S. Johnson	J. L. Hood	Ashland	2		210	6	5			25	1	1	194					
Antioch	Clay	C. J. Wesley	J. M. Sewell	Chandler Springs	1		17	3	3						20			5	80	2
Bethel	Clay	M. A. Johnson	W. T. Bubb	Goldville			72	2	6	2		4	2		77					
Bethel	Talladega						26													
Bowdon Grove	Clay	J. W. Knowles	J. T. Haynes	Ashland				7	7			3			40					2
County Line	Clay	W. M. Worthy	B. J. Autry	Maitland				8			1	24		1						
Corinth	Clay	R. M. Allen	J. F. Canton	Wheelerville		31						8	1	1	21			5	40	1
Concord	Clay	A. J. Moore	J. C. Whatley	Flat Rock				3				7		1	89					3
Friendship	Clay	W. H. Johnston	L. A. Grogan		1		54	6	6			12	1	1	52					1
Good Hope	Clay	W. A. Scott	W. H. Griffin	Lineville			41	1		1	1	3		1	39	J. G. Hubbard		7	40	2
Hatchett Creek	Clay	E. M. Moore	A. H. Ingram	Hatchett Creek	1		85	7	7	1	1	4	2	1	96					
Liberty	Clay	E. M. Moore	J. E. Upchurch	Ashland	2		105	6	5		1	7		1	107					4
Liberty Hill	Clay	W. C. Brooks	S. A. G. Thomas	Ashland	1		67	3	6	3		8	4		65					3
Lyst	Clay	J. N. Moore	T. E. Runyan	Ashland			56		5			2			59				50	3
Lineville	Clay	R. A. J. Cunsbee	J. A. Bell	Lineville	3		200	10	2			3		1	207	B. H. Haynes	Lineville	8	125	1
Mount Zion	Clay	J. N. Moore	J. W. Hughes	Harland		1		1				10			51	G. R. Woolf	Harland			4
Mount Calvary	Tallapoosa		J. E. Fargason	Emucklaw		1		61			1	7	4		73					
Mountain Spring	Chambers	J. A. Dunn	W. C. Hadnett					1	2			10			96					1
Mount Prospect	Chambers	J. A. Shadix	M. M. Knight	Ophelia		2	150	3	7	3	2	10	3		58					
Mount Pleasant	Clay	W. H. Scott	J. A. Bartlett	Black's Store	1		56	1	2						68					
New Salem	Tallapoosa	J. N. Moore	J. O. Davis	New Site			24	7	4			6		1	32					1
New Hope	Randolph	R. M. Allen	J. D. Farrow	Wheelerville			68	1	6						32					
Pole Bridge	Clay	W. H. Johnston	W. D. Parsons	Chandler Springs			83	6		3		11	6	75						
Pleasant Hill	Clay	E. A. J. Nelson	Henry Linton		3		63	4	1			3	2	63						
Providence	Tallapoosa	C. C. Johnson	G. T. Varnon	Hackneyville	2			12	7				2	129						
Rock Spring		E. M. Moore	R. F. Luker	Elias				4				1	3		80					2
Spring Hill	Clay	E. M. Moore	M. W. Whatley	Idaho			59	12	6			4		1	72					
Sardis	Clay	W. P. Davis	J. W. Horton	Gibsonville	1		52	3	3			3	1	54			5	40	3	
Salem	Clay	W. M. Worthy	W. M. Farrow	Wheelerville	2	2		10	5		1	14	4	2	208					3
Spring Hill	Tallapoosa	R. A. J. Cunsbee	O. J. Ison	Daviston	2	1	213	4			1	37		1	181					3
Mount Lebanon	Clay						41													
Mount Olive	Clay						50													
Holly Spring	Clay	Leand'r Robertson	C. C. McDaniel			1		2	1			3			33					
Rock Creek	Clay						32													
Shiloh	Clay	W. M. Worthy	S. H. Kemp	Maitland				9	6		1	3	1	1	70					2
Rock Hill	Talladega	W. H. Johnston	W. J. Vandiver			1									19					
Union Hill	Clay	I. A. J. Nelson	Henry Linton	Coleta					1						16					4